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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

ATTN: BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS & INTERFERENCES

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FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING FIRST-PRINCIPLES SIMULATION

TO ANALYZE A PROCESS PERFORMED BY A SEMICONDUCTOR

PROCESSING TOOL

SECOND REQUEST

STATUS REQUEST FOR DECISION BY BOARD OF APPEALS -NO REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which a decision will be received from the Board of Appeals in the above-identified application.

The application was examined by Group 2825, the Examiner's Answer was mailed on October 31, 2008, and no oral hearing was requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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